THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Development of Tourism is primarily the responsibility of the State Governments. However, Central financial assistance is extended to the State Governments on the basis of specific proposals received from them, subject to availability of funds and inter-se priorities. The government of Maharashtra has not submitted any scheme for development of Sindhudurg district during 1991-92.

(b) Dies not arise.

[*Translation*]

**Upgradation of Ratnagiri Airport**

2812. SHRI GOVINDRAO NIKAM: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to upgrade the Ratnagiri aerodrome for operation of the Indian Airlines flights;

(b) if so, the details thereof: and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The upgradation of an airport depends upon the traffic potential and demand from the scheduled airlines. As there is no demand from the Indian Airlines to operate to Ratnagiri, the National Airports Authority has no plan to upgrade this airport which belongs to the Government of Maharashtra.

[*English*]

**Bridge on Railway Crossings in Jaipur**

2813. SHRI GIRDHARI LAL BHARGAVA; Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are railway crossings on the roads leading to Malviya Nagar and Jhotwara in Jaipur;

(b) whether both the said roads have heavy traffic congestion; and

(c) if so, whether the Government propose to construct over-bridges at railway crossings on both the roads?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The Railway can take action for construction of the over-bridges, only after firm proposals therefor are sponsored by the State Government duly consenting to share the cost, as per rules.

**Sports Activities in Neyveli Lignite Corporation**

2814. DR. P. VALLAL PERUMAN: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) the amount spent for the sports activities in the Neyveli Lignite Corporation from 1988 to 1990, year-wise and item-wise;

(b) whether the sports activities in Neyveli Lignite Corporation has not improved as compared to other coal companies; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor?